



Control Section

Safety Precautions

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Safety Precautions Subsection

Safety must be a prime consideration in all eradication efforts.

Supervisors must stress safety practices in preprogram planning and during all activities. When necessary, supervisors must enforce on-the-job safety procedures.

Safety References

The following pesticide safety references must be available to all personnel handling pesticides:

- ◆ *PPQ Guidelines for Managing and Monitoring Pesticide Spills* - M390.1402 (Revised Jan. 1983)
- ◆ APHIS Cholinesterase Testing Program - APHIS Directive 450.5 dated 7/8/82
- ◆ Pesticide Label and Labeling Safety Instructions/Precautions
- ◆ Pesticide First Aid Handbook
- ◆ *Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisoning* by Donald P. Morgan, Environmental Protection Agency, 1982
- ◆ *Hazardous Materials: 1980 Emergency Response Guidebook* DOT-P-5800.2 Department of Transportation
- ◆ *The Standard Pesticide Users Guide* by Bert L. Bohmont. Published by Prentice-Hall Inc. (The reference used in PPQ's Self-Instructional Pesticide Applicator Certification Training)

Safety and Clean-up Materials

Before beginning a spray program, get the necessary safety and cleanup materials.

Safety Materials

Safety materials should include the following:

- ◆ First aid kit - bus and truck kit (GSA #6545-00-664-5312 or equivalent) (one each)
- ◆ Fire extinguisher - 5 pound size for class A, B, and C fires (one each)
- ◆ Portable eye wash kit (two each)

Clean-up Materials

Clean-up materials should include the following:

- ◆ Rubber boots - unlined, vinyl (two pairs)
- ◆ Rubber gloves - unlined, vinyl (four pairs)
- ◆ Coveralls - disposable (four pairs)
- ◆ Shovel - square-point with "D" handle (GSA # 5120-00-224-9326 or equivalent) (one each)
- ◆ Plastic bags - large, heavy-duty, with ties (GSA # 8105-00-848-9631 or equivalent) (twenty-five each)
- ◆ Water container - 5-gallon (GSA # 8115-00-145-0038 or equivalent) (one each)
- ◆ Respirators - approved with approved pesticide canisters (two each)

NOTICE

Self-contained breathing apparatus must also be available in operations where methyl bromide is used.

- ◆ Broom (GSA # 7920-00-292-4375 or equivalent) (one each)
- ◆ Dust pan (GSA # 7290-00-616-0109 or equivalent) (one each)
- ◆ Liquid detergent - pint bottle (one)
- ◆ Scrub brushes (GSA # 7920-00-068-7903 or equivalent) (two each)
- ◆ Plastic cover or tarpaulin (to cover dry spills) (GSA # 8135-00-529-6487 or equivalent) (one each)
- ◆ Absorbent material (GSA # 7930-00-269-1272) (sweeping compound, sawdust, kitty litter, or other absorbent materials) (twenty-five pound bag)
- ◆ Garbage can - large, metal (or heavy-duty plastic) with removable cover for storing contaminated materials for later disposal (one each)

NOTICE

This may also be used to store the cleanup materials in rear of pickup truck during transport. When subcompact vehicles are involved, supervisors will use their judgement in selecting materials to be used.